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The Midland Railroad stockholders are getting nervous concerning their investments. And they have reason, with a road in bankruptcy and two foreclosures suits pending.

A piece of news that everybody will be glad to hear is that no new tax bill will probably pass Congress this session. Mr. Dawes, of the Ways and Means Committee, expresses himself entirely satisfied with the way in which the revenue receipts are coming in and thinks it is not necessary to impose any additional burdens upon the people for the present. A much-betaken nation will say with Calhoun, "For this relief, much thanks."

The General Award bill has passed the Senate at last, and by final action the insurance companies are left out in the cold. Which ever way the bill goes, it is to be hoped that the whole subject to which it relates will soon pass from before the country. For nearly ten years we have never lost sight of the trail of the pirate Alabama, although she herself has sailed beneath the sea, and Sumner is forgotten. Let us have an end of it by the proper distribution of the money.

Several eulogies of Sumner are still pending. For the very reason that we reverence the memory of the great statesman, we protest against covering it up with any further laudation at the present time. Dr. William Wells Brown, who is to deliver the next Boston oration on the subject, may be competent to do justice, or may not, but the sentiment which this nation is to do about the memory of the late philanthropist is to stop plavering his praise and study how to imitate his virtues.

Mrs. Mary Clemm Ames, the vivacious correspondent of the Brooklyn Argus, is driven to hysteria to think that the Washington papers are to keep on editorializing on the Centennial for two more mortal years. We drop our tears in sympathy with the lady, and were never more thankful than that we have all ways refused the journals from the capital admission to our office. Mrs. Ames will do well to come away from Washington for a while and not bring back the Argus and Freeman until the natural tone of her mind is restored.

If the labor reform league and patent contrivances for bringing on the millennium in general could be made to follow Pharoah's lost into the bottom of the sea, all real progress would not be a better by. These organizations must certainly pay a heavy premium on tools or be made the sport of some strange fatality which prevents anybody else from joining them. The height of the impracticable and the depths of the absurd seem to be the extremes which naturally meet in their hands. They rail the dry bones of exploded systems with the apparatus of that near-by has vacillated their a great discovery.

Colonel Tom Scott at the head of a combination in the interest of new railway schemes is no doubt a formidable fellow, but we rather guess that even he can't coax Congress into granting money for the Texas Pacific and the Northern Pacific roads. If the project of building those roads with government subsidies is a sure and safe thing for the taxpayers of the nation, as Mr. Scott affirms, perhaps he can explain why private capital won't touch either of them with a pole. Uncle Sam isn't in that line as much as he was when Oakes Ames kept a memorandum.

Things do not seem to be lovely and sweet in the royal family of Russia, notwithstanding the recent wedding in the house. It is traditional that brothers are not apt to be friends and that sisters are often gangrened with jealousy and bad temper, and there is no reason why the rule should be broken by imperial people. We see that the Grand Duke Nicholas has been arrested by the Czar, his brother, on an unknown charge. A remote prison or Siberia will probably form part of the tableau when the whole comes into view. What a thing it is to wear a crown, especially in a half-civilized country!

The scourging of the British Vice Consul at San Jose, Guatemala, will no doubt meet with heroic treatment at the hands of the London government. John Bull has a habit of demanding reparation for insults and injuries to his children; and what is more, extracting the full satisfaction asked for. If the correspondents at Panama do not overstate the facts in this case it is one in which Colonel Gonzalez, Commandant of the Port of San Jose, is wholly to blame. Gonzalez seems to be a brutal blackguard, unfit for any place outside of prison, much less to exercise even the most petty authority. But what if it had been our flag or representative who was insulted? Ah!

Watson says Grant is surely in for a third term and the opposing elements are not worth mentioning; and he further assures us that said third term means a monarchy and a revolution. What has the brilliant Louisville brother been eating? A raw beefsteak appears to have inspired his prophecies and the blood of innocents seems to course through his swollen veins. Now, to be serious, don't that dear southwestern son know better than to talk to us? There is just as much of a chance that the re-election of Grant would produce a revolution as there is that a big crop of grain in Orange county will turn the million into green cheese—no more. And yet, let a newspaper be made original and inventive or fall behind the times—or the Springfield Republican.

Brooks is a bully, like that other southern Brooks whom we remember. We felt some do with sympathy with him at first, as we do with any man who seems to be struggling for his rights under difficulties, but he fails to fulfill our ideal of a chivalric hero and we shall have to turn our backs on him. Brooks is blundering and noisy, and there is no cause to praise him. He is not brave—for courage is always peaceful—not truly good—for true goodness is always just and fair. Baxter knows better the strength of defiance to higher authorities and the power of patience. He will, therefore, sit triumphant on the top of Little Rock after Brooks shall have dried up.

Yesterday was hot, and vegetation expanded visibly before our eyes. Dogs began to hang around study corners and lull in their intelligent way, and in the way of immortal beings. Soda fountains were turned on and delicate young ladies were to be seen availing themselves of each of carbonic acid gas partially solidified by water. The cooling cocktail and the rejuvenating jelly were sought for some not converted by the woman's movement, while others merely growled at the weather as they ate and drank. Street-spectators for the first time this year did not look like an absurd and straw hat did not seem ridiculous in the store windows. As the needy doctors say—Welcome Spring.

Professor Patton's argument in the Swing heresy case is to occupy three days. What an excessive amount of strength to use in getting defeated. Not a single feasible point has thus far been made against Mr. Swing and he will show himself a weaker man than we take him to be if he does not preach more plainly, loudly and bravely than ever before. The last lingering roots of dogmatism and intolerance must be plucked out of this nation, and men with brains and hearts obtained by the enemy himself are the instruments to do it. The most unsightly thing in the nineteenth century is the ghost of the Inquisition wandering in a land whose theory of existence repudiates it utterly.

It is cheering to see how fully Brigham Young retains his natural ability to speak and write exactly and well. The world may reasonably look for many excellent contributions to its literature as long as the prophet can "sing ink" as follows: the address is to home heretics: "Some of you will say you are co-workers with Jesus. I say you lie. The time will come when you will say, 'Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and done many marvelous things?' and He will say, 'You have acted the fool; yet, what, you are the best latter-day saints there are.' Boys whose fathers are good men—men who pay considerable tithing, will go out to Pioche and drink whiskey, get drunk, and shame the Gentiles in profanity. Then they will come home and are held in full fellowship—pretty good fellows? Poor, miserable creatures, not fit for any society." Fernando Wood in his palmy days, could hardly surpass that.

The Boston musical festival is over. Thank Heaven! The weather won't allow us to read the last installment of letters from there, or we should be able to do so.

CURRENT TOPICS.
—Gen. Dix and Newton Booth is the Chicago-Journal's presidential ticket.
—Goldwin Smith has declared that he is a Canadian. Poor Canada!
—And now preserve us! The western Grangers are organizing base-ball clubs.
—The French wine crop is a failure this year, and the foremen are anticipating making fortunes.
—Brownlow is frequently taken for Bunker, the murderer. Which should feel most flattered?
—It is ungenerally asserted that the female crusade would succeed better if the women were better looking.

—Orton and his family are on public exhibition in England. "To such base uses must we come at last."
—The "Gilded Age" has been dramatized and very successfully played at San Francisco. "Laura" ought to be appreciated there.
—It took eighty-seven witnesses to settle a three-dollar dog case in Indiana. Indians are not interested in lawsuits.

—The ear-barking is getting fashionable again. Joe Coburn nearly scalped a car conductor with one of the other day.
—The papers are alluring to "the last throes of the crusade." The dice players are resuming their throws there, and the Boston Advertiser considers the religious of the Manhattan Club very tragical mirth.

—There is a great gratification that the court martial found General Howard guilty.
—The Salem Gazette expresses the opinion that Butler can't be re-elected from his district, but we are afraid that is too good a prophecy to be fulfilled.

—Now there's a grand row in St. Petersburg. Grand Duke Nicholas has been arrested. The Czar is away from home, too. May be Nick wanted to capture the throne.
—It has been discovered that Wendell Phillips dyes his hair and wears Byron curls. Well, what of it? Dyeing isn't one of the "lost arts."

—One woman, at least, has reached an exalted station. Mrs. Foster, wife of our Minister to Mexico, climbed to the top of Popocatepetl, 14,000 feet high, a greater altitude than ever before attained by a woman.

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TELEGRAPH.

RECAPITULATION OF DAILY FREEMAN.

FOREIGN.
FRANCE.
The Electoral Bill.
PARIS, May 13.—Duke De Broglie declares that he will call up for immediate discussion the new electoral bill. The Left and extreme Right oppose its present consideration. Debate will make it a Cabinet question. Debate will occur on Friday or Saturday. The Assembly to-day re-elected M. Buffet President and all the Vice Presidents of the late session.

GREAT BRITAIN.
Arrival of the Imperial Guests.
LONDON, May 13.—The Czar and Grand Duke Alexis arrived at Dover at seven o'clock this evening. Immense crowds witnessed the debarkation of the party and greeted them with hearty enthusiasm. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Prince of Wales and Princess Alice were waiting to receive the imperial visitors, and conducted them at once to Windsor Castle, where they arrived at ten o'clock to-night.

ITALY.
Reception by the Pope.
ROME, May 13.—The Pope to-day received a number of Cardinals, Bishops and other eminent dignitaries of the church. In reply to one of the visitors from America he announced severely on the government of Mexico and Guatemala for permitting the bitter persecutions of the church in those countries. The Pope appeared to be fatigued, and was unable to give audiences to all the delegations which waited upon him.

UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS.
WESTON continues somewhat slowly, and it is considered doubtful if he can accomplish his 500 miles. His test is getting sore, though otherwise he is in good condition. Up to 10:30 he had only completed 23 miles.

Striking Coopers.
Over 2,000 coopers are now on a strike. Disturbances incendiary.

Spanish Ship Left.
HAVANA, May 13.—The steamship Trinidad was lost on the Marlinero reef, while carrying provisions to the Spanish troops; the crew were saved.

Decree of Exemption.
The Gazette to-day published a decree prohibiting white or colored persons, subject to militia duty, from changing their place of residence, or receiving passports, unless they deposit \$500 in the Treasury. The provisions of the decree heretofore issued exempting from duty in the field all white members of the militia who pay \$500 in gold, or \$1,000 in paper money, have been extended to the colored militia. This amount can be paid to the Treasury either before or after the parties are drafted. All militiamen not drafted, and those over 35 years of age, unless poor, are ordered to pay a monthly contribution of from two to eight dollars, according to the position of the individual.

Sale of the Tybee.
The Samana Company's steamer Tybee was sold at auction to-day for \$1,000, her commander, Captain Delaney, being the purchaser.

Norton's Case.
A plea in abatement has been entered by the United States District Attorney in the case of John W. Norton, charged with embezzling \$100,000 while Superintendent of the Post-Office Money Order Department.

Interesting Statistics.
The annual meeting of the American Home Missionary Society was held to-day and the annual report was submitted. It showed that during the past year 869 ministers have been in the service of the Society, that the number of congregations and missionary stations supplied in whole or in part was 2,195, that the number of pupils in Sabbath schools was 71,700. Fifty-seven churches have been organized and thirty-five became self-supporting. One hundred and five churches report revivals and 385 missionaries report 3,200 hopeful conversions. The record of receipts during the year shows \$229,129.24, and expenditures \$227,662.01. All the officers of the preceding year were elected with the following exception: Rev. R. S. Morris, D. D., Vice President in place of his father (deceased), Rev. A. Bernethy, Vice President, in place of Rev. D. Schumaker (deceased), Rev. Robert G. Hutchins of Columbus, O., Director in place of H. T. Hitchcock, D. D. (deceased), and Eliphalet W. Hatch of Chicago, Director in place of Mr. Morris, elected Vice President.

COMMISSION OF APPEALS.
Calendar for To-day.
ALBANY, May 13.—The following is the Commission of Appeals calendar for May 14th: Nos. 47, 117, 246, 102, 106, 113, 118, 132, 86, 114.

THE OGDENSBURG ELECTION.
A Republican Victory.
OGDENSBURG, N. Y., May 13.—The election here to-day resulted in the re-election of W. L. Proctor, Republican, as Mayor by a majority of 255. His majority last year was only 4.

LOUISIANA.
A Nice Lot.
NEW ORLEANS, May 13.—The Spanish Consul, Don Carlos de la General Bagder, Chief of Police, and detectives Harris and Pearson gave bonds to-day in \$20,000 each to appear for trial upon the charge of robbery perpetrated by Captain Rodriguez, the Grand Jury having found true bills against them.

THE ARKANSAS RUDDLE.
The Legislature in Session.
LITTLE ROCK, May 13.—The Legislature met to-day, a quorum being present in both Houses. Nothing was done except to elect an organization, appoint a committee to notify the Governor and to adjourn till 4 o'clock P. M.

Baxter Reinforced.
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LIBERAL REPUBLICANS.
A Conference of the Leaders.
ALBANY, May 13.—The following representatives of the Liberal Republicans are now in this city for the purpose of holding a conference in regard to the political action of the party in the coming campaign: John Cochran, Rev. F. Hamilton, Charles W. Colburn, A. M. Bliss, Thos. H. Smith, W. R. Sedden, ex-Assemblyman Niles, Alonzo Welch, Cole H. Lansing and Mr. Sean of the Poughkeepsie News. It is reported they favor a separate convention, to be held prior to the conventions of other political parties.

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THE WEATHER.
To-day's Probabilities.
For the New England and Middle States and lower lake region partly cloudy weather and northerly to variable winds will prevail with lower temperature and rising barometer.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.
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THE FINANCE BILL.
Mr. SHERMAN said that if one of the sections provided for expansion and another for contraction the general effect upon the whole would be to expand the currency, but with such restriction and limitations as not to cause depreciation.

Scott's amendment offered yesterday substituting one-third for one-fourth of the gold interest to be retained as a reserve fund was rejected—16 to 27.

Mr. WRIGHT submitted an amendment, to give notice yesterday, to strike out 50 per cent. and insert 25 per cent. as the amount of interest to be retained.

Mr. SHERMAN gave notice that he would to-morrow ask the Senate to remain in session and finish the finance bill.

Pending discussion the Senate went into executive session and soon adjourned.

HOUSE.
A bill was finally got through the committee and was reported to the House and passed. To revise, amend and consolidate the laws relating to security of life on board of vessels propelled in whole or part by steam.

The House then, at 2:45, went again into Committee of the Whole, Niblack in the chair, on the deficiency bill. After progressing as far as the eighteenth page without any noteworthy discussion, the committee reported.

The Senate bill to distribute the Geneva award was taken from the Speaker's table and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The House then at 4:30 adjourned.

COMMERCIAL REPORTS.
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GRAIN.—Wheat quiet. Receipts 275,000 bu. Sales 48,000 bu. at \$1.45 1/2 for No. 2 Chicago; 2,250 bu

The Daily Freeman.

Kingston, Thursday Morning, May 14.

The Midland Railroad stockholders are getting nervous concerning their investments. And they have reason, with a road in bankruptcy and two foreclosures suits pending.

A piece of news that everybody will be glad to hear is that the new tax bill will probably pass Congress this session. Mr. Dawes, of the Ways and Means Committee, expresses himself entirely satisfied with the way in which the revenue receipts are coming in, and thinks it is not necessary to impose any additional burdens upon the people for the present. A much-betrayed nation with a Catalina, "For this relief, much thanks."

The Geneva Award bill has passed the Senate at last, and by final action the insurance companies are left out in the cold. Whichever way the details go, it is to be hoped that the whole subject to which the bill relates will soon pass from before the country. For nearly ten years we have never lost sight of the trail of the pirate Alabama, and she herself has rated beneath the sea, and Semmes is forgotten. Let us have an end of it by the proper distribution of the money.

Several eulogies of Sumner are still reverberating. For the very reason that we revere the memory of the great statesman, we protest against covering it up with any further fulsome laudation at the present time. Dr. William Wells Brown, who is to deliver the next Boston oration on the subject, may be competent to do so justly, or may not, but the supreme thing for this nation to do about the memory of the lost philanthropist is to stop palavering his praise and study how to imitate his virtues.

Mrs. Mary Clemmer Ames, the vicious correspondent of the Brooklyn Argus, is driven to hysterics to think that the Washington papers are to keep on editorializing on the Centennial for two more mortal years. We drop our tears in sympathy with the lady, and were never more unkindly than now that we have all refused the journals from the capital admission to our office. Mrs. Ames will do well to come away from Washington for a while and read nothing but the Argus and Freeman until the natural tone of her mind is restored.

If the labor reform leagues and patent contrivances for bringing on the millennium in general could be made to follow Pinocchio's trail into the bottom of the sea, all real progress would not be a loser by it. Those organizations must certainly pay a heavy premium on tools or hearse the spirit of some strange faculty which prevents anybody else from joining them. The height of the impracticable and the depths of the absurd seem to be the extremes which naturally meet in their hands. They rattle the dry bones of exploded systems with the apparent idea that naupha has vouchsafed them a great discovery.

Colonel Tom Scott at the head of a combination in the interest of new railway schemes is no doubt a formidable fellow, but we rather guess that even he can't coax Congress into granting money for the Texas Pacific and the Northern Pacific roads. If the project of building those roads with government subsidies is a sure and safe thing for the taxpayers of the nation, as Mr. Scott affirms, perhaps he can explain why private capital capital isn't in that line as much as he says that when Oakes Ames kept a memorandum.

Things do not seem to be lovely and sweet in the royal family of Russia, notwithstanding the recent weddings in the house. It is traditional that brothers are not apt to be friends and that sisters are not apt to be friends, and bad temper, and there is no reason why the rule should be broken by imperial people. We see that the Grand Duke Nicholas has been arrested by the czar, his brother, on an unknown charge. A remote cousin of Shieria will probably form part of the tableau when the whole comes into view. What a thing it is to wear a crown, especially in a half-civilized country!

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Watson says Grant is sure to be a third time and the opposing elements are not worth mentioning; and he further assures us that said third time means a monarchy and a revolution. What has the brilliant Louisville brother been eating? For breakfast appears to have inspired his prophecies and the blood of innocents seems to course through his swollen veins. Now, to be serious, don't that dear southwestern son know better than to talk so? There is just as much of a chance that the re-election of Grant would produce a revolution as there is that a big crop of grass in Orange county will turn the moon into green cheese—no more. And yet it is—newspapers must be original and inventive or fall behind the times—or the Springfield Republican.

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WASHINGTON, May 13.—The District of Columbia Investigating Committee remained in session with closed doors several hours to-day, inquiring into the safe burglary in the District Attorney's office. Among the witnesses examined were Columbus Alexander, a leading memorialist, W. W. Darnall, J. W. Clarendon, chief of the detectives in this city, A. B. Williams and Thomas Shepherd. The committee remain reticent, and positively refuse to disclose the nature of the testimony; but it is said developments will ultimately show that the burglary had more connection with the District investigation than was generally supposed.

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CHICAGO, May 12.—A special dispatch says that two members of the Yellowstone expedition have returned to Bozeman, Montana, and report the whole party as returning. The command had penetrated the country to near the vicinity of Tongue River. From the 1st to the 6th of April the force was harassed the entire time by Indians, and four picked battles were fought, in which 100 Indians were killed. The whole outfit was in a battered and exhausted condition and the party lost one man, named F. Gates, killed, and two wounded, twenty horses were also killed. Members of the expedition assert that rich mines exist in the Big Horn Mountains, but the vigilance of the Sioux made prospecting out of the question.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO.
How the Western Press Stand.
CHICAGO, May 13.—The Tribune this morning published replies to a circular sent to the press of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska asking how each stood on the question of the President's veto of the currency bill. The summary shows of 933 papers answering the circular: 514 are in favor of the veto, 114 are non-committal, Of those sustaining the veto, 295 are Republican and 217 Democratic, and of those opposing the veto 234 are Republican and 174 Democratic. Indiana, Mississippi and Kansas are the only States where a majority of the papers oppose the veto.

AN OLD SEAMAN CONE.
BALTIMORE, May 13.—Admiral Frank Buchanan, late of the Confederate Navy, died yesterday at Baltimore. He was seventy-four years old.

POOR LO.

More Depredations.
ST. PAUL, Minn., May 13.—Reports from Blount state that on Wednesday last a battle took place between the Sioux and Grosventres, at Knife River, lasting half the day. One party retreated, hotly pressed by the other. Christopher Weaver, owner of a wood yard between Fort Stephenson and the hotel, was attacked by Sioux Indians last Monday; also, four other trappers, in the same vicinity, were killed. Preparations are being made at Fort Abraham Lincoln, near Bismarck, to follow the Indians if necessary. General Custer's command is preparing to take the war path.

LIBERAL REPUBLICANS.
A Conference of the Leaders.
ALBANY, May 13.—The following representatives of the Liberal Republicans are now in this city for the purpose of holding a conference in regard to the political action of the party in the coming campaign: John Cochran, Doug. F. Langer, Charles W. Gosdard, A. M. Bliss, Thos. E. Stewart, W. R. Selden, C. A. Johnson, John H. Wadsworth, C. H. L. Langbein and Mr. Swan of the Poughkeepsie News. It is reported they favor a separate convention, to be held prior to the conventions of other political parties.

ALBANY, May 13.—The Liberal Republican conference was in session at the Delavan House to-day. Two new guests were present. Discussion was full and free. Charles Hughes of Washington presided, and Alfred Wadsworth of New York acted as Secretary. Letters were read from the following named gentlemen, strongly urging that the organization be maintained and that a state convention be called. The following names were present: Wm. W. Rockwell and Mr. Sheldon of Glen Falls, J. V. White of Fort Byron, E. W. Hayden of Port Byron, General E. F. Jones of Binghamton, G. D. A. Brigham of Canandaigua, H. C. Lake of Fredonia, R. R. Albany of Randolph, E. R. Reynolds of Albany, W. W. of Albany, Hon. Bannan Brockway of Watertown, L. C. Pratt of White Plains, N. P. Hitecock of Poughkeepsie, Chemung county, E. L. Allen of New York, Judge Reynolds of Brooklyn, Clark Bell of New York. Delegates were present from the following counties of New York: Kings, Richmond, Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Westchester, Albany, Washington, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Albany, St. Lawrence, Schoharie, Lewis, Wayne, Chemung, Orleans, Jefferson, Monroe, Ontario, Oneida, Oswego, Seneca, Cattaraugus, Chautauque, Sullivan, Fulton and Chenango. On motion of Colonel Willis it was resolved that the Liberal Republicans will in the future, as in the past, keep their organization intact. On motion of Gen. Cochran, and amended by Col. Hughes, it was

Resolved. That it is the sense of this meeting without intending to prejudice its policy or action, that a state convention be held at such time and place as the State Committee shall determine, and the call should invite co-operation from all men or bodies of men in the state who favor honesty and purity in the government of the state and nation.

THE WEATHER.
To-day's Probabilities.
For the New England and Middle States and lower lake region partly cloudy weather and northerly to variable winds will prevail with lower temperature and rising barometer.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.
SENATE.
WASHINGTON, May 13.
THE FINANCE BILL.
Mr. SHERMAN said that if one of the sections provided for expansion and another for contraction of the currency upon the whole would be to expand the currency, but with such restrictions and limitations as not to cause depreciation.

HOUSE.
A bill was finally got through the committee and was reported to the House and passed, the bill being amended so as to read: "To revise, amend and consolidate the laws relating to the security of life on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam."
The House then, at 2:45, went again into session for the consideration of the bill in the chair, on the deficiency bill. After progressing as far as the eighteenth page without any noteworthy discussion, the committee rose.

COMMERCIAL REPORTS.
NEW YORK MARKET.
NEW YORK, May 13.
FOREX.—In buyer's favor. Receipts 12,000 bales. Sales 10,000 bales, at \$26.50-27.00. Superfine and Western, \$26.50-27.00. For common to choice extra, \$26.00-27.00. For common to good shipping brands extra, \$25.00-26.00. Profit and loss, \$1.00-1.50. At \$26.50-27.00 per bale.
GRAIN.—Wheat quiet. Receipts 27,000 bush. Sales 10,000 bush. at \$1.15-1.17. For No. 2, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 3, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 4, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 5, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 6, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 7, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 8, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 9, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 10, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 11, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 12, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 13, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 14, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 15, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 16, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 17, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 18, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 19, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 20, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 21, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 22, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 23, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 24, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 25, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 26, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 27, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 28, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 29, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 30, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 31, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 32, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 33, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 34, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 35, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 36, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 37, \$1.15-1.17. For No. 38, \$1.15-1.17. 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Correspondents will please direct their letters to the Editor of this paper.

Are we happy to announce to our patrons that we have secured the well-known Premium Job Printer, Mr. A. V. HAIGHT, late of Ellenville, who will hereafter have entire charge of the Job Printing Department of The Freeman establishment. Mr. Haight's skill and taste are too well known to need any recommendation from us. We are now prepared to do the most exact kind of Job printing at reasonable rates.

FOR SALE.

A Double Super Royal Taylor Cylinder Press, 31x46, very superior for newspaper work. Sold only to make room for a more perfect press for jobbing purposes. Will be sold at a bargain.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.**CITY NOTES.**

An incongruity—No. 10, broad gauge pair of shoes and peg-top trousers. Stoddard's awning is in the latest style—it came from the cabin of a wrecked canal boat.

On Wednesday 63 canal boats laden with 8,066 tons of coal reached tide water through the Delaware & Hudson Canal.

Any one might know business is dull—so many people are engaged in attending to other people's affairs.

On Wednesday morning Con Hanton drove up in front of The Freeman building and gave us a soothing still-allayer.

Entering the creek soon after daylight on Wednesday could be seen four schooners, one schooner, one large and two immense tugs. A one-horse city, eh?

The grounds of St. Mary's Parochial School are being handsomely improved with flower-beds and trimming of shrubbery.

The croquet grounds are being put in shape for summer business, and striped stockings will soon be in order.

The thermometer up to 80° in the shade with a great deal of case on Wednesday.

Alexander Robinson up to a hen egg laid by a very young hen that measures 8 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches. It wasn't measured with an India rubber band, either.

It is singular that people never tire of writing anonymous communications for publication. Those sent to this paper quickly find their way to the waste-paper basket.

James D. Van Hovenberg junior, has bought the tea store opposite Mill Hall on Fair Street and will run it in such a manner the seniors will have to look to their laurels—and pocket books.

Bradley, the postmaster up to, sprinkles the streets in front of the post office with a watering pot. He commenced Wednesday forenoon about 11:30, but tired out completely before twelve o'clock.

One of the best dressed men in the upper part of the city Wednesday afternoon was D. W. Spaulding as he was on his way to the Higginville depot. Mr. Spaulding delivered an eloquent address at Shekan Wednesday evening.

The handsome shade trees up to are beginning to leaf out nicely. These trees are the beauty of the place, and make the upper part of our city during the spring months look like some tropical city. We have often heard strangers remark when coming up Fair Street, that it was one of the handsomest sights in the State.

Mr. Gardiner Smith of Old Hackensack was taken with a severe attack of sickness Sunday night, but as his friends will be pleased to learn, is now out of danger.

Lewis Van Sickle is running the hotel on Main street, Old Hackensack. Lewis is a chip from the old block; he weighs less than the old gentleman by several hundred weight, but there seems to be room for improvement in that respect.

John J. Cole is the owner of a very fine blooded bay mare, four years old, from Hambletonian, that can trot in three minutes on the Hackensack Flats, and is called The Hackensack Mail.

Ellenville is blessed with a barber who uses no less than five razors on a man's face during the tonsorial operation. The first razor is a heavy one that just glides over the face and cuts the tip ends of the hairs off. The next razor is a little lighter, and takes the beard off to the skin, while the third clips it down under the skin one day's growth. The fourth will cut it down a day or two farther than even this, while the last one is used as a polisher and creates a pleasant sensation which makes the chap operated upon think he is in Paradise, or on his way there.

We are informed that a large building, to be used for a public hall, is proposed at Gardiner. It will be known as the Gardiner Opera House. There is already a fine building for the Rondout Opera House to emigrate.

Guess Not. When the Poughkeepsie News steals an item it "at Woodstock, at the foot of Overlook Mountain," by a long shot, and The Freeman didn't say so.

How Much Do They Pay? A man who was a stranger in the city, meeting Mr. Turner, the Superintendent of the Gas Company, in one of the platform street cars on Tuesday evening, inquired: "How much does the Company pay a year for their gas?"

"Gas!" said Mr. Turner, "what do you mean?"

"Why these cars burn gas, don't they? I see they get the pipes all round on their outside."

"Oh, yes; each car has a tank beneath the floor and the gas is carried there."

"Well, now that's too bad! I was thinking they got their gas of you and was pretty good customers."

The following were yesterday's tows: Steamers G. A. Hoyt and Oswego—Elis barges Wallabout, Winfield, schooners Ellis, Orin, A. Treat, Jamestown, barges James A. Booth, boats John R. Brown, Hoffman, Mary, Isabelle, Fannie, Hans, and M. Ryan, barges Crawford, D. & H. Co.'s, 22 D. & H. Co.'s boats.

Steamer Herald—Boats Monocacy, Edith, Mechanic, W. E. Whitmer, Mohawk, Wm. Cassey, Sunnyside, Com. Fought (to Albany), No. 1533 to West Troy; Mary Miller to Athens; ice barge P. Carter to Catskill.

Steamer Francis A. Dyer—Boats Belle to Newburgh; E. B. Eddy to New Hamburg; Walter Scott to Fishkill; Moffat, No. 491 to Poughkeepsie.

Boats from New York: U. S. G. Griswold, Tanner, Two Brothers, Ocean Queen, J. H. Starin, Rattlesnake, Mary D. and J. H. Bender, schooner Walter Klots, schooner W. McClure, D. & H. Co.'s boats and barges, boat Robert Klots from opposite Riverdale.

Religious.

Ascension Day will be observed in St. Mary's Church by Masses at 6, 8 and 10 o'clock, a. m.

Liberal Terms.

D. & A. McMillan, in their advertisement in another column, announce that for the next thirty days they will present to every cash customer the following: To the customer who purchases paint to the amount of \$5 a paint brush worth 25 cents; \$10, one worth 50 cents; \$15, one worth 75 cents; \$20, one worth \$1.00; \$25, one worth \$1.50.

Dock Finished.

Gage & Powley have finished the dock at Milton which they have been constructing for Mr. Jacob Handley, and now steamboat men assert that the docks at West Point and Milton are the finest along the river. This last contract seems to have added no little to that firm's already fine reputation for always doing good work. Mr. Gage, with the men and tools, arrived home on Wednesday afternoon.

The Island Dock.

The island dock on Wednesday presented a scene of bare activity. There were ten large schooners, barge barges, numerous, laden with coal; not to mention the fleet of canal boats, which were discharging the black diamonds. The barge Star of the East, of Taunton, Mass., eight hundred tons burthen, having completed lading her cargo of coal about noon on Wednesday, hauled to where the tows for New York are made up.

State Charities Aid Association.

A meeting of ladies to consider measures preliminary to the organization, in Kingston, of a branch of the above association, will be held at the Academy Building (middle room of the Academy Hall), this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. This Association aims to promote any needed practicable improvements in our public institutions of charity, and in our paper system generally, and is now extending its branches quite rapidly into the various counties of the State. The object and methods of its work will be fully explained at the meeting. All ladies interested in benevolent work are cordially invited to attend.

The Growing Crops.

Down along the Wallkill Valley Railway the grain, grass and fruit seem to be flourishing finely. The water grain looks green and vigorous, the grass is nicely started, and fruit trees are well loaded with blossoms. The ground, too, seems in fine condition, with abundant moisture for sprouting the young grain and vegetables, and is not near so dry on the surface as in and about this city, although a light rain would be serviceable in mellowing the top of the soil. There seems every reason for hoping for a favorable season and large crops, and the farmers may anticipate a pretty prosperous year.

The Wallkill Valley.

The Wallkill Valley is beginning to don its summer decorations of verdure and bright hues, and will soon be in all the glory of its great beauty. With the calm, smooth, pretty Wallkill, bordered by green foliage, the majestic background of mountains, diversified here and there by bold and high projections, the blue Italian sky that seems peculiar to that region and the pretty landscapes opening to the view on every side, the valley ought to be in and to time will be a favorite resort for summer visitors. The ease with which it is now reached by rail should serve as an additional inducement to tourists.

The First Spring Wedding Up to.

All the pretty girls up to on Wednesday night with the good wishes of the community. Our reporter followed the crowd, and found the Second M. E. Church was well filled, and that at 8 o'clock Mr. Nelson T. Kipp of Staatsburg was joined in marriage to Miss Mary F. Smith of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John E. Gorse, pastor of that church; the bride was dressed very handsomely, and the young couple, accompanied by a very large party of guests, and altogether the affair was one of the elegant that has taken place in that part of the city for a long while.

Ascension Day.

To-day the Catholic and Episcopal churches celebrate the ascension of Christ into Heaven, which took place on the fortieth day after his resurrection. In the Catholic church it is a holy day of obligation, and all the faithful are bound to assist at mass as on Sundays; but when there is a sufficient reason the obligation is dispensed with. The first three days of this week were Rogation days; they were a preparation for the festival, and have been observed since the fifth century. To-day, after the gospel of the principal mass, the Paschal candle will be extinguished and the Paschal time closed.

Relieving the Monotony.

The plough-boys along the Wallkill Valley Railway are subject to little diversions on the part of their fractious steeds during the passage of trains, that must serve to relieve the monotony of their occupation. If the horses happen to be anywhere near the track when the trains pass, they suddenly wheel around and prance off panic stricken, dragging the plough and driver along with them, and sadly interfering with the geometrical precision of the farmers. The animals generally bring up, snorting with fear, in the farther end of the field, with harness, plough and plough-boy wound up in a mess surpassing in intricacy a Gordian knot or a Philadelphia lawyer's brief.

Personal.

Gen. Joseph S. Smith of this city, has been elected a manager for three years of the National Temperance Society and Publication House.

Gen. George H. Sharpe of this city, read a poem by William O. Stoddard of New York at the Army Reunion held in the Opera House in Harrisburg on Tuesday last. Gen. Sharpe was also elected Corresponding Secretary for the Society of the Army of the Potomac for the ensuing year.

Chief Engineer Weber and ex-Chief Gross left on Tuesday afternoon for Griffin's Corners, where, after catching all the trout there are in that vicinity, they are going further into Delaware county where there is some trout. One freight car was about half full with the above named gentlemen's fish baskets, one of which was marked "For The Freeman."

Mitoses.

Quite early on Wednesday morning a small boy rushed into the counting-room of The Freeman establishment and inquired, "is this the place where they want to get a boy to carry papers?" The person who attends to that portion of the business, having arrived at the lad was requested to wait, which he did. While he was waiting he was questioned as to where he lived and who had told him to come here for employment. He lived in Wiltwyck, and that morning was accosted by a man who asked if he didn't want a job to carry papers, and on being answered affirmatively, had sent him to Rondout. Just at that moment the person having such matters in charge arrived when the boy was referred to him.

"Oh, that ain't the man."

"What sort of a man was he—quite tall, with black side whiskers—and did he send you to The Freeman office?" No, he was tall but didn't have black whiskers; he had a kinder white little moustache on his chin, and he said go to the American Express office.

He was directed to his destination, and soon after seeing down street in company with the "kinder white little moustache."

State Charities Aid Association.

There is the idea of an association of gentlemen and ladies, prominent for philanthropy, culture and social position, which was organized in New York, in May, 1872.

An auxiliary society will be organized in this city to-day, Miss R. B. Long, the efficient Secretary of the Parent Society, being here to attend to the matter. We give here a detailed statement of the institution and its operations.

The term "State Charities," as here used, denotes such charitable institutions or departments as originate in any legislative action and are sustained by tax, state, county, or municipal. It is the object of the above association to effect such improvements in these public charitable institutions and departments as are needed and practicable; to benefit in any way it can their inmates, and to bring about general reforms in our paper system.

This object it proposes to accomplish through the agency of Visiting Associations, formed at every county seat, for visiting the public institutions of charity in its vicinity; also, in the more recent development of its operations, the Department of Out-door Relief, which includes those aided by the public funds, outside of institutions, that is, by the Overseer of the Poor. In addition to the foregoing, it is quite customary to append the visiting of the jail, although not strictly within the scope of its original plans.

During the two years since the commencement of its work it has organized twenty of these Visiting Associations at the county seats of Westchester, Jefferson, Richmond, Kings, Dutchess, Sullivan, Niagara, Livingston, Monroe, Orleans, Oneida, Delaware and Cayuga counties, and for city institutions at Newburgh, Oswego and New York (two associations for the latter), for the systematic visitation of sixteen county poor houses, two city almshouses, eight lunatic asylums, seven pauper hospitals, two large asylums, one house for transient children, one idiot asylum, four orphan asylums, and eleven jails—fifty-two institutions in all; besides which are the Departments of Out-door Relief in four cities, for which visiting committees have been organized.

The visiting associations for institutions are formed with reference to three distinct departments of effort for their pauper inmates; namely, for the children, for the infirm, and for the able-bodied. It is their aim in behalf of the children to secure their earliest possible removal from the poor house to some temporary home—as an orphan asylum—until homes can be found for them in good private families, where they will be kindly treated and trained to become good and useful men and women. For the infirm the association would seek to insure such arrangements as will give the best possible care, including a classification of the inmates that will assign to appropriate asylums, each the blind, deaf and dumb, insane and idiotic; and for the able-bodied it is desired, equally for their own good and the interest of the tax-paying community, that they be entirely removed from the burden of public charity, and aided, if willing, otherwise compelled to earn their own living.

In view of the different departments of work to be done, the visiting associations are now being organized with five standing committees, namely: on the pauper children; on the infirm paupers; on the able-bodied; on the jail; and on the out-door poor. For much of the good which it is desired to effect additional facilities will be required that must be procured through legislation: as asylums for the blind, the deaf and dumb and the insane, of which there is at present, but one in the proper sense of the term, at Otisville, the others being hospitals; and workhouses for those who can, but will not work. The legislation necessary to secure these will need in its turn, an extended and powerful public sentiment that can only be aroused through information and active interest concerning the subject, throughout the community. Such information it is one very important object of the Visiting Associations to supply, and such interest to awaken, and hence there is a double reason for completing the proposed board of branch organizations throughout the State—for the local good they can accomplish, and for the aid they can thus render in the promotion of general reform. For this latter reason the desire to effect an organization at any particular locality is not necessarily based upon the presumption of reforms needed at that point, although there are doubtless few institutions which, ever in the opinion of their most partial judges, might not take some advance step in improvement, while many are still a step or two from civilization; and, in any case, there are undoubtedly acts of care and kindness which may be rendered to the poor, the suffering, and the vicious also, through our charity in these institutions and so nearly isolated from the human world around them.

The Association has entered upon this enterprise in no merely censorious or fault-finding spirit, but with the simple desire to do what it can—to help and not to hinder, that humane and official candor, and under rules of strict reference to the authority and regulations of the establishments visited; and it has been most fortunate in securing thus far, with a single exception, the courteous and cordial co-operation of the officials in charge of the institutions and departments visited, a fact constituting one of the most pleasing features of its work.

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GRAND DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

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The first order of business was the initiating of new delegates into the division, numbering twenty-six, representing different parts of the jurisdiction. Reports of officers were then heard. These reports showed there were 15,000 members in the division, and that two new divisions have been instituted during the last three months. The report of the Finance Committee showed a balance on hand, and that the order is in a flourishing condition.

During the afternoon session a lively discussion was had on the question whether political discussion should be allowed in the meetings of the divisions, which question was decided in favor of a full discussion of all political questions. A series of resolutions were passed condemning the action of Gov. Dix in relation to the temperance question.

It was decided that a special session should be called at Ogdensburg in June, and the quarterly session to be held on the second Wednesday in August at Saratoga Springs.

At the public meeting in the evening the Grand Worthy Patriarch, S. L. Parsons, presided. After singing and prayer, addresses were made by S. L. Parsons, Rev. C. C. Leigh and Messrs. Curtis and Gleason. The addresses were excellent and well received.

A Historic Spot. Mr. D. T. Van Buren is handsomely ornamenting his grounds with a new fence. The old stone house on this lot, which is at the corner of Maiden Lane and Fair Streets, is one of the ancient landmarks of the place.

It was a hotel, after the Revolution, where one of the great political parties of the time met and made speeches and passed resolutions, and denounced their opponents, who were quartered on the opposite corner, as rascals, liars, thieves, &c., just about as it is done now-a-days. Just across from this hotel was the house of James W. Baldwin, in which in April, 1777, the first Constitution of the State of New York was framed.

A great many pages of history could be written about the great events that have taken place in the vicinity of these grounds, and therefore it is very proper that a new fence should enclose them.

OUR FREE PARLIAMENT. To the Public. Roxbury, May 13th, 1874.

I, the undersigned, manager and proprietor of the Opera House in the City of Kingston, in consequence of the many unjust and unwarrantable statements made in the newspapers of said city, feel called upon to reply in this indirect manner to the false charges made against said Opera House. I do not charge the newspapers with making any statements against said Opera House, believing that their source of knowledge is derived from the petitions sent before the Common Council and Board of Excise, and that in publishing the same is the general usage of the press.

I only ask that I be not too hastily prejudiced, and more especially when such charges are made, as I can prove from my own knowledge and from the evidence of many respectable and honorable citizens, that the charges are entirely unfounded, malicious and jealous motives.

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In conclusion, allow me to say that I cheerfully invite any committee or delegation from any respectable body or community in our city, to visit the said Opera House, upon each and every occasion of an entertainment, and satisfy themselves as to the morality or immorality of the performances given, and the manner of conducting the same; and I challenge the parties who seem to lead this same invitation, in order that they may know that those who prefer such villainous charges have clean hands themselves.

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